Pet Therapy

Paws for Hope is a special program of the Center for Families at St. Louis Children's Hospital. Since 1995, pet therapy volunteers in partnership with Duo (DuoDogs.org), bring comfort and entertainment to our patients, families and staff.

To learn more about the program, call or text the Paws for Hope Dog Hotline at 314.280.7574 or email at smaly@bjc.org

Frank Duarte

Dog Art

Frank is the Site Coordinator at the Children's Specialty Care Center. His title may be Site Coordinator, but he does so much more!

From a very young age Frank has had a love of art. His talent was uncovered when he was just 4 years old. One of the first drawings frank did as a youngster was of a dog! What a perfect match for our 25th anniversary coloring book!

While Frank was doing rounds in the Specialty Care Center he started drawing on white boards throughout the CSCC. He gave himself 3 to 5 minutes. Whatever he could draw in that amount of time is what was on the boards. No one knew where these drawings were coming from. Frank loved that no one knew who was creating these works of art. He loved the adrenaline rush of not getting caught and seeing how much people loved what he was creating. Well, the CSCC staff are very resourceful and someone set out to "catch" the phantom artist. A couple weeks later, guess what? He was caught! Once everyone knew it was Frank, he started receiving requests for drawings. He's done The Ninja Turtles, Peanuts Gang, Trolls, Paw Patrol and Frozen. That's just a few of the creations he's made.

Frank has enjoyed working on this project and says that it's rekindled his love of art and drawing. We can't thank Frank enough for all the time, effort and love he has put into this special project!

Anna Moore

Cover Art

Anna has been a volunteer at SLCH for just over two years. During that time she has spent her time as a Patient Ambassador in the PICU, a volunteer at Project Picasso and Gender Independent Kids Club, and as an Art Enrichment Intern in the Child Life Services Department. She currently has a BFA in Graphic Design and is pursuing her M.A. in Art Therapy Counseling at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Anna is an avid animal lover and has a guppy named Kitty Cat, a pit bull mix named Beau and a red eared slider turtle named Franklin. Anna also found some cats outside recently and she is taking care of them. She calls them Maxwell and Dorothy.